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# Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session

## Ad hoc scale of assessments for the United Nations peacekeeping operations

### Letter dated 11 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request, on behalf of the European Union, the inclusion, in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, of a supplementary item entitled "Ad hoc scale of assessments for the United Nations peacekeeping operations".

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, associate themselves with this request.

As stipulated in rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, this request has been accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

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## Annex to the letter dated 11 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

### Explanatory memorandum

The European Union has been calling for many years for the reform of the ad hoc scale of assessments for the United Nations peacekeeping operations. Although it was considered a temporary solution when it was established, this scale has not been updated since 1973 and, in its current state, contains many anomalies. The structure of the groups, in particular, should be revised so as to take more account of the level of economic development of Member States, and should be based on objective criteria, such as per capita income.

On 20 March 2000, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the European Union reaffirmed the commitment of the Fifteen to the comprehensive reform of the two United Nations scales of assessments, both the regular-budget scale and the peacekeeping scale, with a view to placing the finances of the United Nations on a solid, durable and equitable footing. In that regard, capacity to pay should remain the guiding principle in the construction of both scales.

The European Union therefore requests the inclusion, in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, of an item entitled "Ad hoc scale of assessments for the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and proposes that, in accordance with the rules of procedure, this item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, the competent body for administrative and budgetary matters.